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Army Officer Assassinated

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Alleged Head of Terrorist Gang Murdered In Sincere Building Hotel; Assailants Escape

SHANGHAI'S latest political murder occurred in the Oriental Hotel, Sincere Building, a few minutes before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon as returning crowds from the Fourth of July sports programme at the Race Course were passing outside and scores of American bluejackets were dancing in the building. It was the sixth attack by terrorists in sixteen days, most of the crimes having taken place in the Louza district.

The victim, believed to be Mr. Chou Liu-wu, a former captain in the Nationalist Army, was shot two or three times from behind as he was walking down the stairs from the third floor, where he had just had tea alone. Two Chinese, who apparently had been watching him from an adjoining table, were being sought by the Police. One of these, it was reported, fired four shots as the former officer was between the third and the second floors.

Mr. Chou, who was over six feet tall and massively built, was killed almost instantly by bullets entering the upper part of his chest. One of the missiles went wild and smashed a large mirror on the stairway. Blood spattered the mirror and steps and left a trail down the stairs as the victim was carried to Nanking Road and put into an ambulance.

The weapon, a small-calibre automatic pistol, was discarded on a window ledge and was found a few minutes afterwards by Supt. R. Shellswell. The murderer and his companion both escaped, apparently by walking down the stairs and leaving the building by one of the several doors leading to the crowded streets skirting the building.

Thorough Search of Premises

The alarm made every available detective and uniformed man hurry to the scene from Louza Station and a few minutes later the Red Marias of the Reserve Unit arrived and flung out heavily armed men who surrounded the entire block to Tientsin Road. Doors and grilles were closed and only persons who could prove they had no possible connection with the crime were permitted to leave. Only after a thorough search of the building had convinced the Police that the assassins had really escaped, were the doors opened again.

Pistol Examined

Detectives working under Supt. A. H. Aiers and Inspector G. J. Bennett collected the evidence left behind by the murderer. The pistol and empty cartridge cases were turned over to arms and fingerprint experts for examination. A thorough scrutiny was made of the tables were the victim and his assailants had sat, and the movements of the three men were minutely traced. Many persons were questioned.

Crowds in Nanking Road were kept moving by a staff under Insp. A. H. Chamberlain and Insp. R. J. White. The sight of a cordon of Sikhs with levelled rifles and the large vans of the Reserve Unit naturally attracted considerable attention. Altogether several hundred policemen were in the immediate vicinity, while patrols of the Seaforth Highlanders kept walking in Nanking Road and side streets. Japanese in civilian clothes, including members of the Military Police, were present in fair numbers both in the streets and in the building itself, where many Japanese reside. Inquiries about the case were made by the Japanese Military Police, and Japanese photographers took a number of pictures.

Officials Attend

Among those who arrived early on the scene and helped to direct the investigation and searches were several high Headquarters and divisional officers of the Municipal Police. They included Mr. T. Robertson, Deputy Commissioner; Mr. W. F. Fairbairn, Assistant Commissioner in charge of the Reserve Unit; Mr. H. D. M. Robertson, Divisional Officer; Supt. Aiers; Supt. J. F. Lovell and Supt. Shellswell. Members of the special Headquarters squad dealing with political murders also attended.

It was widely reported last night that the victim was the vice-chairman of a pro-Japanese terrorist gang.

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Assassin's Bullet Fells Chinese In Spectacular Sincere Store Shooting

Screaming Women Duck Under Counters And People In Street Leave Shoes In Terror; Victim Is Said Official Of Sino-Japanese Organ

IDENTIFIED AS FORMER OFFICER OF FIFTH CHINESE ARMY DIVISION

A few brief moments after he had laid down his chopsticks, paid the bill for his last meal in this world and walked casually down the stairs leading from the restaurant in the Sincere Department Store, a Chinese by the name of Chow Hsu-jen was shot through the back four times shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

As his unidentified attacker tossed his pistol aside and made good his escape amid the excitement, women in the crowded department store screamed and ducked under the nearest available counters, while outside some people waiting for a bus were so terrified that they ran off leaving a pile of shoes behind them.

In a very few minutes the police arrived from the near-by Louza Police Station with their guns drawn and decked out in bullet-proof vests. Rolling the dying man over on his back and extracting calling cards, they ascertain his name and the fact that he was Vice-Chairman of a Sino-Japanese organization known as the "Kingly Way Co-operative Society."

The stairway on which Chow was lying was, of course, completely deserted when the police arrived, and a mirror close to the landing had been shattered by one bullet. The victim was bleeding profusely and had rolled over and over down the stairs to a point just above the landing.

As the police were making their examination the bell of an ambulance was heard and the now inquisitive crowd was pushed back to make way for the stretcher-bearers. A few minutes later attendants at the Lester Chinese hospital pronounced dead one more victim of assassin's bullets in Shanghai.

At the department store police were still searching for evidence, first picking up cartridge cases and then finding the assassin's pistol lying in a window sill on the third floor. The weapon was a .38 calibre Mauser.

Shot Through Back

Two eye-witnesses of the killing related that Chow had just left the restaurant and was walking down the stairs. They saw a man following him and were amazed when he drew a pistol and fired several shots and were too terrified to give chase when they saw the assassin turn and dash up the stairs again.

Pandemonium reigned as people ran for cover, and in the meantime the killer dashed through the third floor of the building, and, it is believed, escaped by the stairway leading from the Oriental Hotel and mingled with the crowd. No one could describe the assassin or tell what he was wearing.

There was some difficulty in deciding on the man's identity at the scene of the shooting as there were a number of different cards in his pocket. One suggestion made in Chiness circles was that he had been going under several different names, although there was little doubt expressed as to his connection with the "Kingly Way Co-operative Society."

Was Former Officer

It was learnt at a late hour last night that Chow was formerly a Chinese army officer and commanded the Fifth Division of the Chinese Army, concurrently serving as the publicity officer for the Third Division.

An interesting feature of the case was that a calling card in the possession of the Lester Chinese Hospital giving the above information gave his name as Chou Hsu-jen, the belief being expressed that he had altered this to some extent on joining the co-operative society.

Reserve Unit Arrives

Within a few minutes after the shooting the Reserve Unit in two Red Marias under Superintendent J. F. Lovell, arrived on the scene and a cordon was thrown around the area. Detectives and uniformed men from the Louza Police Station, who were posted at all entrances, were relieved for other duties and a thorough search of the hotel, departmental store, restaurant and roof garden was conducted

Acting Deputy Commissioner T. Robertson arrived on the scene as did Assistant Commissioner W. E. Fairburn and Assistant Commissioner H. Robertson, Superintendent A. H. Aiers directed the activities of the detective staff, while Detective Inspector G. J. Bennett, in charge of detectives of the Louza Police Station, remained in his office to co-ordinate the details available on the latest assassination

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ANOTHER ASSASSINATION IN SHANGHAI

Shot in the back by an unidentified assassin as he was walking down the stairway in the Sincere Department Store in Nanking Road yesterday afternoon, Mr. Chow Hsu-jen, said to have been connected with a Sino-Japanese co-operative organization, was fatally injured and is shown in the above photograph being put into the ambulance at the scene of the shooting. [*World News*

Former General Of Chinese Army Is Assassinated Here

Chow Liu-wu Shot Dead By Gunman In Local Restaurant

MURDER SAID WELL PLANNED

Vice-President Of Pro-Nippon Organization Latest Victim

On the second story stairway of the Sincere Company department store on Nanking Road, in the heart of the city's congested Louza district, the guns of assassins barked again at 4.50 p.m. yesterday. The victim, shot through the back six times, hurtled down the stairs, dead before his bullet-riddled body reached the first floor landing. He was ex-General Chow Liu-wu, otherwise known as Chow Hsu-jen, 45-year-old Chinese who is said to have been working in conjunction with the Japanese here.

Eye-witness reports on one of the boldest and most carefully planned assassinations in the voluminous annals of the city's criminal history were conflicting. Up to a late hour last night Louza Police Station detectives working on the case had not yet established whether the attack was perpetrated by one of two gunmen. Neither had the police the exact identity of the man established, although cards bearing the names of Chow Liu-wu and Chow Hsu-jen, among many others, were found on the person of the deceased.

Assassin Escapes

The gunman or gunmen escaped before an alarm could be raised. Police, however, are in possession of a small Mauser, with two unfired cartridges in the magazine, which was used by the assassin and which he threw aside before fleeing.

The facts of the assassination revealed cold, careful preparation on the part of the party responsible for the killing, although the police, after careful investigation, are inclined to believe that there was only one gunman.

The victim had just completed his late tiffin at 4.50 o'clock on the second-floor restaurant of the Sincere Company. He met with death, it is believed, without the slightest warning—shot at from behind as he was descending the stairs.

According to information obtained from the waiters of the restaurant, Chow came in at approximately 4 o'clock. Shortly after another Chinese, dressed in a fairly rich, black gown, entered and sat at a table. Both men acted naturally.

Then, at about 4.45, Chow arose and left the restaurant, walking toward the stairs. It is here that versions differ and sequence of events becomes intangible. Scattered pieces of evidence tended to show that the black-robed Chinese followed Chow to the stairs. A minute later, shots were heard in rapid succession.

None Witness Shooting

None saw the actual shooting, as far as the police could gather. The gunman chose the stairs because there was less chance of an eye-witness to the shooting, it is believed.

His escape into the crowded streets below was unnoticed.

Police from Louza Station arrived almost immediately. The Reserve Unit was rushed to the scene shortly after. A cordon of Sikh constables was thrown around the block while search parties searched every man and woman within the square. All the evidence that was produced was the discarded Mauser.

That the assassination was a well calculated affair was established by the evidence of the waiters. This revealed that Chow had made it a habit to partake of late tiffin in this restaurant. Almost every day he could be seen there at approximately 4 p.m.

Chow, and it is fairly certain that the victim was none other than Chow, has had a long military career. During 1926 and 1927 he was an officer under Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. He was with Marshal Sun when the latter retreated before the advance of the Nationalist Army to Shanghai on May 13, 1927.

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purpose of controlling laborers.

Police were still trying to identify the victim last night, and were not certain that it was Chow. However, it is generally believed that the assassinated man was Chow. Among other things, the description of the victim, a man in his 40's and of stout build, confirms this belief.

The theory that all six shots were fired from the same Mauser is borne out by the fact that the automatic's magazine, which holds eight cartridges, was found with only two unfired shots.

Yesterday's assassination was the sixth of its nature since June 18, a period of approximately two weeks.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 1, Special Br. Studdy, 38

REPORT

Date July 7. 19 38.

Subject (in full) Assassination of Chow Liu Wu (周柳五) alias Chow Shu Jen (周樹人) - Lists of documents found.

Made by and Forwarded by D. I. Crawford

Herewith attached are (1) a list of documents found on the person of Chow Liu Wu who was assassinated in the restaurant of the Oriental Hotel, Nanking Road, on July 4 (Louza Crime Registry 2351/38) and (2) a list of documents and chops found at the home of the deceased at 104 Rue Baron Gross on the same day.

C. Crawford
D. I.

D.C. (Special Branch)

copy to D.S. Crighton C.I.
D.B. 7/7.

List of documents found on the person of deceased Chow Liu Wu (周柳吾) alias Chow Shu Jen (周樹人)

1. A note book containing names, addresses, and telephone numbers of different persons.

2. Paper slips (14) translation of which reads as follows:-

   a) Yang Foh Sung (杨福生), 1st floor, Tsung Kung Li (春耕里), Dah Keu Jao (大橋路) (Route Pere Robert).

   b) Chien Tsung Liang (钱宗亮), Chief of the 1st District of Wusieh. Chang Yoong Chang (张荣昌), 1st Section.

   c) Ah Fah (阿发), Kung Yeu (杨友), and Zung Liang (仁良), 1st floor, New World Hotel, Tel. No.90130.

   d) Soong Suh Tse (宋述之), 19 An Shun Li (安顺里), Rue Conty.

   e) Between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 83157.

   f) No.4 Wuchang Li (武昌里), Chengtu Road, south of Avenue Road.

   g) Central China Despatch Japanese Military Gendarmerie Warrant Officer Maruyama.
   Central China Military Secret Agent (Aikokusha)
   Ainoshuke Iwata.
   Tsuyashi Akaboshi.

   h) Hou Tsai San (侯财山), a sectional chief of the Water Police, residing in the Floating Restaurant.

   i) 21 East Yuen Zung Li (源成里), Rue Lafayette near Rue Bluntschili.

   j) Tsang San Sing (张三星), room above kitchen of Yang Fah Kee Shop (杨发记), inside the Elgin Road Market.

   k) Shing Ching Fang (沈金芳), Provision Store, 82860.

   l) Tseu Chiu Zung (周秋成)

   m) An envelop bearing the following notes:-
      467 Kiangse Road.
      Foh Kee - 19020.
      Wong Tse Chiang (王志强) - 83940.

   n) Yu Hoong Shun (俞鸿顺), alias Ts Ping (子平), Lane 362, House 19, Medhurst Road. Tel. No.31559.

3. 9 visiting cards bearing the following names:-

   a) Tsu Tse Ih (朱志一), Shangyu, Chekiang, Judge of the Tai Shun Hsien Magistrate.

   b) Li Ting Tsang (李廷璋) (Face)
   Hu Tsung Hai (胡梅海), Dah Foo Kwei Restaurant (大富贵), 706 Hart Road, Tel. No. 33528. 94351. (Reverse)

c) Lawyer Leu Yung Mei (楊允梅), member of the Shanghai Bar Association. Office - 96/3 Avenue Joffre. Tel. No. 82588.

d) Kao Tung Fah (高通法), Office of the Weu Mei (丸梅) Company, Grocery and cereal dealer. Address Room 511, China Development Bank Building, corner of Szechuen Road and Avenue Edward VII. Tel. No. 46548.
(written in pencil: 453 Oriental Hotel, Sincere Co. - Tel. No. 95260)
Two more cards bear the same name but without pencil notes.

e) Chang Sz Ming (張世明), Transport & Trade Co., 97 Yuen Ming Yuen Road. Tel. 10627. House 92983.

f) Advertising card of the Tsung Feng Soong Yueh Restaurant (春風松月樓), 193 Hupeh Road near Foochow Road.

g) Wong Tsing Woo (王清和) (Face)
Zi (徐) - 32069. 42 Hwakee Avenue. (Reverse)

4. Seven postal receipts for registered and express letters.

5. Three photographs.

List of documents, etc. found at the home of deceased Chow Liu Wu (周柳五) at 104 Rue Baron Gros at 11 p.m. 4/7/38

1. A book containing names and addresses of numerous persons, including Chen Lih Fu (陳立夫), Chen Chi Tsai (陳其采) and Hung Lan Yeu (洪蘭友), prominent officials of the National Government.

2. Two cards containing the antecedents of Chow Shu Jen (周樹人), alias Chow Liu Wu, which read as follows:-

   "Chow Shu Jen, native of Kiangsan, Chekiang Province, age 40, a graduate of the Chekiang Military Academy, having served in the Chinese military as:-
   a) Company commander of the 1st Battalion of the Chekiang Defense Force.
   b) Chief of the Chekiang 'dare-to-die' Corps.
   c) Commander of the 3rd Battalion of the Chekiang Defense Force.
   d) Acting Commander of the 23rd Regiment.
   e) Adjutant of the Shanghai 'Tutu' Yamen.
   f) Adjutant of the Kiangsu Military Governor Hdqrs.
   g) Member of the South Kiangsu Pacification Committee.
   h) Commander of Mobile Units of the Fokien Army.
   i) Magistrate of the Ming Tsing Hsien, Fokien.
   j) Chief of a detachment of the 17th Army of the of the National Revolutionary Army.
   k) Commander of the 3rd Division of the 2nd National Revolutionary Army.
   l) Counsellor to the 1st Army Corps of the North Expedition Force and concurrently Chief of the Espionage Section.

3. A 'sworn brother oath form' filled in by Ma Zang Shu (馬長壽) and submitted to Chow Shu Jen (周樹人) by which the former acknowledges the latter as his 'sworn elder brother.'

4. Two cards which contain the antecedents of Tsu Tse Ih (朱志一).

5. Three note books containing names and addresses of numerous persons and miscellaneous notes.

6. A draft of an article suggesting the formation of a certain 'group' to promote the training of the people and to prevent them from entertaining down-hearted attitude towards the present situation in Shanghai.

7. 30 visiting cards of Chow Shu Jen, alias Chow Liu Wu, alias Chow Pah Shiao (周柏孝).

8. 15 visiting cards of different persons.

9. 10 photographs.

10. Several letters relating to personal affairs.

11. A pass book of the Ningpo Commercial Bank.

12. 25 chops (samples attached).

上海關北京興路福安坊四十號

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— 2351/38.

"A" Division.
Louza Police Station.
July, 6th. 1938.

Diary Number: 2. Nature of Offence: 1.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

5-7-38. D.S. Plewes to the Public Mortuary, where an Inquest was held upon the body of the deceased, ~~Tsai~~ Tseu Loo Woo (周柳五), alias Zu Zung (樹人).

Procurator - Daung Pei Yuan.

Verdict:- "Death due to bullet wounds", body to be removed by wife ~~Tsai~~ Tseu Woo Sz (周吳氏) of the deceased.

The deceased was found to have received bullet wounds on the chest, shoulder and abdomen, the wounds on the front of body apparently being exit wounds, and according to statement of Court Doctor, who extracted two .32 Calibre automatic bullets from the body of the deceased, he appeared to have been struck by nine bullets in the region of the back above the waist and below the shoulder, seven exit bullet holes in front of body.

Body identified from Finger Print record as being that of one Tseu Vung Ping (周文炳) with a previous conviction of three months imprisonment for kidnapping, 22-11-13, Station number 974 Louza, also a conviction for fraud, French Police 22-9-31, in the name of Chow Ling Woo, for which he was handed over to the Chinese Military Authorities.

Report received from Finger Print Bureau re pistol:- "No finger prints secure".

Report received from Arms Identification Section re

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CRIME DIARY.

"A" Division.
Louza Police Station.
July, 6th. 38.

CRIME REGISTER No: 2351/38.

Diary Number: 2/sheet 2. Nature of Offence: 1

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

bullets and cartridge cases:- "Pistol, 500468, Mauser, in good order and recently fired, the cartridge case(s) and bullets found at the scene and extracted from the body of the deceased all being fired from this Mauser pistol.

Det. Inspector.

D. D. O. "A" Division.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

"A" Division.
Louza Police Station.
July 4th 1938.

Crime Register No. 2351/38.

Diary Number 1. (Sheet No. 1.) Nature of Offence:— 1.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	4.50-11 pm. 4-7-38.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	General Enquiries.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	Restaurant of the Oriental Hotel, Nanking Road.
Time and date of offence.	At about 4.49 pm. on 4-7-38.
" " " reported.	At 4.49 pm. on 4-7-38 per phone.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	S.M.C./S.M. Police.
Number of criminals with full individual description.	Two male Chinese not in custody:- (1) Age about 35, height about 5'3", long face dark complexion, wearing white cloth jacket and pants, wearing a grey felt hat. (Armed). ( ) No description available(stated to be armed).
Arrests.	Nil. D.C. Sp. Branch
Classification of property stolen.	-- Value $
Classification of property recovered.	-- C.I.D. Sub B.S. Value $
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	Body found lying at foot of first flight of stairs on landing leading from second floor of hotel restaurant, head facing away from direction of upper floor, lying on back. Death due to bullet wounds. Suspected political motives.
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence. In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)	Assassins evidently aware of presence of deceased in restaurant, who when leaving was followed along the corridor by assassins who opened fire from the rear, these men then decamping and discarding a pistol in their flight.

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(j) What staff employed on premises ?
(k) Are they all "old" servants ?
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long ?
(m) What was their "characters" ?
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason ?
(o) Are old servants suspected ?
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected ?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 4.49 p.m. on 4-7-38, a telephone message was received from C.P.C. 210, on duty in the "Crow Nest" traffic post at Nanking, Chekiang Roads corner, reporting the sound of shots from the Oriental Hotel, Nanking Road.

Inspector Chamberlain, D.I. Bennett and all available men immediately attended, including D.C. A" D.D.C. "A" and Supt. Shellswell, immediate enquiries ascertaining that the shooting had occurred on the second floor of the East wing of the Oriental Hotel, situated in the Sincere Company, Nanking Road and that a male Chinese was lying dead on the landing of the flight of stairs leading from this restaurant.

An immediate search of this area with the assistance of the Reserve Unit was carried out, all exits to the Sincere Company guarded, whilst a search of the Oriental Hotel rooms with the restaurant "boys" was also carried out, which however failed to find any person(s) who may have been responsible for this offence, a "Mauser" pistol, .32 calibre, No. 500486, loaded with one round in the breech and a magazine with two rounds of ammunition being found discarded on the window ledge of a corridor window leading to the exit stairway, on the same floor of the restaurant upon which the shooting had occurred(Found by Supt. Shellswell).

Enquiries by D.I. Bennett, C.D.C. 130, D.S.I. Sung Ah Fuh, ascertained that a male Chinese (deceased) had been in the habit of using the

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— .....Division.
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Diary Number:—1/3. Nature of Offence:

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

restaurant of the Oriental Hotel since the 10-6-38, usually having a meal and then reading the newspapers, staying for period of two to three hours before leaving.

He attended the restaurant as usual at about p.m. on 4-7-38, and was shortly afterwards visited by a male Chinese who sat talking at table number 16 together with him, leaving after about 10 minutes(statement 1).

At about 4.40 p.m. after paying his bill, which amounted to 40 cents, for which he tendered a $5.00 note, receiving $4.60 in change, of which he gave 10 cents as a tip he left the table in the restaurant(statement 2).

This table is situated about 10 yards from the corridor leading to the restaurant and from this corridor access may be gained to the Hotel lift, Hotel exit by stairway, or a stairway leading from the corridor to which access may be gained to the first floor Departmental Store of the Sincere Company.

Whilst walking along the corridor he(deceased) was followed by two men who apparently had been seated at table at 39 in this restaurant, for it was found that after the shooting these two men had vacated this table and had left a $1.00 in payment for tea which they had been drinking.

This table is situated on the opposite side of the restaurant to that of table 16, but it would be an

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CRIME REGISTER No:— .....Division.
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Diary Number:— 1/4. Nature of Offence:

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION

easy matter for the occupants of table 39, to keep , person occupying table 1 in view.

After proceeding a distance of about 10 yards along the corridor in the direction of the exit, when near to the stairway leading to the Departmental Store, one of these men fired two shots at him from the rear, the now deceased turning into the stairway which leads to the Departmental Store on the first floor pursued by these two men, a number of other shots being fired at him from the stairway as he ran down the stairs, resultant that he collapsed on the landing of this flight of 12 stairs, the two men responsible for the shooting returning from the stairway and proceeding along the corridor to which exit may be gained from the hotel, a "Mauser" .32 calibre pistol being discarded on the window ledge of one of the windows of the corridor (Statement 3).

The deceased upon examination was found to have received 6 bullets wounds all in the region of the shoulder and small of the back, exit apparently from the front, whilst one bullet had passed through a soft hat which he was wearing without inflicting any injuries to the head, taken to the Lester Chinese Hospital by the Shanghai Fire Brigade Ambulance, but was found to be dead upon arrival.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— .....Division.
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Diary Number:— 1/5. Nature of Offence:

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

A number of name cards were found upon the body of deceased in a card case:-

Tsai Lee Woo(蔡李武), alias Yu Sung,
Director of the First Route Army,
Divisional Officer 3rd and 5th Division of the Nationalist Army.

This relates to a former commission held by the now deceased in the Army of Fong Yue Liang( ) about 10 years ago.

No address marked on any of these cards.

A number of other name cards, papers and a small note book were also found on the person, containing telephone numbers, names and addresses, which were handed to D.S.I. Crighton (C. 1) for the purpose of checking in an endeavour to ascertain particulars of the deceased.

One paper found on the person of deceased would tend to indicate his connection with the Japanese Military, which is corroborated by a name card also found in his possession of that of the occupant of Room 453 of the Oriental Hotel.

This room was visited by D.S.I. Crighton and detectives, similar name cards being found in this room, also documents relating to the transportation of cargo from the prohibited area and Japanese cards. (Further enquiries made by D.S.I. Crighton).

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— .....Division.
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Diary Number:— 1/6. Nature of Offence:

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

This paper was inscribed as follows:-

Central China Despatch,
Japanese Military Gendarmerie, Warrant office,
Yamuyama Seq.,
Central China Military Secret Agent, Aikokusha(name of a society).
Ainosuke Iwate,
Tomyashi Okubondi.

Members of the Japanese Gendarmerie, who attended Louza Station stated that they did not know this man.

Found at the scene of shooting on the stairway were five .32 calibre, empty automatic cartridge cases and two spent .32 calibre automatic bullets, two shots having damaged a wall to glass mirror on the landing of this stairway, which corroborates statement of witness(3) that shots were fired as the now deceased ran down the stairs, though a careful search of the corridor near to the head of the stairway failed to reveal any empty cartridge cases or signs of any shots fired, for as stated by this witness, two shots were fired at the now deceased before he turned and ran down the stairway.

With the assistance of Mr. Kau Sung Pah(高通法) who was located in Room 453 of the Oriental Hotel by D.S.I. Crighton and detectives, the home of the deceased was located at 104 Rue Baron Gros(葛羅路), French Concession, his wife one Meu Woo Sa(周胡八) recognizing the photographs as being that of her husband, stating she has not seen him for nearly one month.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— .....Division.
.....Police Station.
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Diary Number:— 1/7. Nature of Offence:

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Documents relating to the activities of the deceased were found on these premises, who from further enquiries has to be definitely ascertained to have been a member of the Hong Jen Society( ), a Pro-Japanese Organization, with Headquarters at the New Asia hotel, North Szechuen Road, where he previously occupied Room 63.

Documents taken away by D.S.I. Crighton for perusal.

Body to Public Mortuary pending inquest.

Personal property found on body of deceased(per detained property book) returned to wife of deceased.

C. of P. informed.

D.C. (Crime) attended.

D.C. (Divs.) informed.

D.I.

D.D.K. is assisting D.S.I. Crighton with the enquiries. 5/7

D.D.O. "A".

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

1.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Kau Foong Zah, 27, Soochow, 213 Burkill Road.

native of ..... taken by me C.P.C. 164.

at Louza Stn. on the 4-7-38. and interpreted by Clark Tsong.

I have been employed by the Oriental Restaurant as tonkay No. 25 since last year.

At about 4.30 p.m. 4-7-38, the customer at table 16, a male Chinese in foreign style clothing made an order. The bill, which I gave to him, it being 40 cents and he tendered to me a $5.00 note.

I obtained the change, giving to him and $4.00 was gave to me 20 cents as a tip.

I then went and took the 10/ to the tip box and at about this time, I heard the sound of shots fired.

I did not see who fired the shots. A few minutes later, I saw that the male Chinese from table 16 was lying dead in a pool of blood.

The above is true.

Tsong.

Kau

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Sung Zung Zien (宋仲賢), age 32, married, native of Tsung Ming, residing 58 Amoy Road taken by myself at Louza Stn. on the 4-7-38 and translated by Clerk Sih Yun Fai.

I have been employed as a waiter No.15 at the Oriental Hotel, for a period of ten years.

At about 2.p.m. to-day (4-7-38) a guest wearing foreign style clothing came to No.16 table in the restaurant department of the hotel and ordered food. Few minutes after this guest's arrival, a friend of his dressed in a blue cloth long gown attended to the same table. They conversed for about 10 minutes and then the friend of the guest went away. Between 10-6-38 and 4-7-38, this guest daily visited the hotel's restaurant department, the time being about 2.p.m. He had his food to the value of 30 or 40 cents on each occasion. He read newspapers and left after having remained for about 2 or 3 hours. When he came to-day, he was attended to by me, and at about 4.30 p.m. I was absent, having my food and on hearing the sound of gun shot I returned when I discovered my customer dead.

Signed & cross-marked:
Sung Zung Zien.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of [illegible]

native of [illegible] taken by me [illegible]

at [illegible] on the [illegible] and interpreted by [illegible]